



Rolling the Reel: **Practical** Strategies for **Using Video** Marketing to Grow Your Pharmacy

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## Learning Objectives

- 1. Explain the role of storytelling in video marketing and its impact on patient engagement.
- 2. Identify strategies for overcoming fear and other obstacles when creating video content.
- 3. Practice developing a video marketing campaign.

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## Speaker



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## Context

**Brief Overview of HB Pharmacy** 



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## HB Pharmacy: Then and Now







James Park, John and Vince Bellitti

### Vince's Story At HB Pharmacy

**Part-Time Delivery** / Clerk

2008

2009

**BS Mechanical** Engineering, **University of Maryland** 

2013

**GNP** 

Pharmacy| of the Year

2016

MBA, NYU Stern

2023

**GNP Storytelling** 

Champion

2024



**Full-Time At HB Pharmacy** As "Generalist"

2016

2016

**Began Overseeing All Retail Business Operations** 

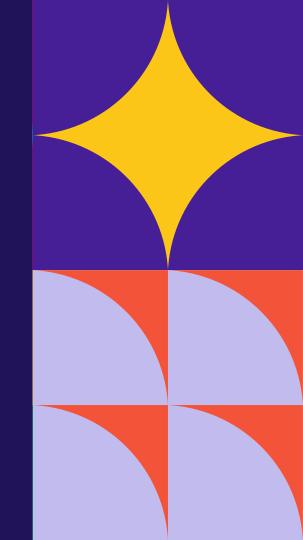
**Began Outsourcing Video Production** 

2019

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## Why Should I Care?

The role and importance of storytelling with video in marketing



## HB Pharmacy's Organic Video ONLY Results

12% more than previous 90 days

#### Last 90 Days facebook Stories Videos **Posts** Reels Live Minutes viewed 6 Interactions 6 14h 7m ↓ 12.8% **581** ↑ 114.4% You Tube Views Watch time (hours) 22.4K 770.2 25% more than previous 90 days

#### **Top Viewed on YouTube**

tent (-	+) Views ↓	Watch time (hours)
How to use your Topi-Pump	<b>29,954</b> 19.3%	<b>358.8</b> 8.8%
How to use your Neti Pot	<b>28,473</b> 18.4%	<b>979.7</b> 24.0%
Injecting Enoxaparin	<b>24,905</b> 16.1%	<b>530.7</b> 13.0%
How to administer a subcutaneous injection from a vial	10,194 6.6%	<b>246.8</b> 6.0%
20:43 Autoimmune Disease & Low Dose Naltrexone (LDN)	<b>7,344</b> 4.7%	<b>705.0</b> 17.3%
Using Your Nasal Atomizer For Midazolam	<b>7,294</b> 4.7%	<b>159.4</b> 3.9%
1:32 Choosing The Right Heartburn OTC Medication	<b>5,637</b> 3.6%	101.0 2.5%
2:52 Supplement Spotlight: Zinc 20mg	<b>5,453</b> 3.5%	<b>76.2</b> 1.9%
How to use your Topi-CLICK Perl® Vaginal Dosing Kit	<b>4,452</b> 2.9%	<b>131.6</b> 3.2%

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### ...But Do I Actually Get Patients From This?

Personalized Care for All 2 ...

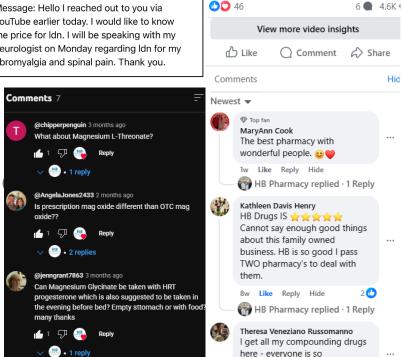
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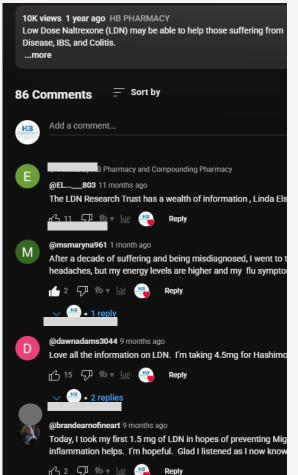
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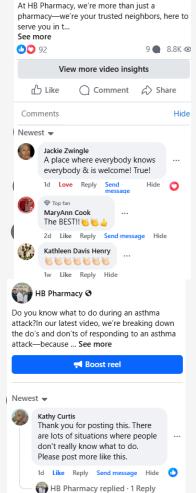
Name: Email: Phone:

Message: Hello I reached out to you via YouTube earlier today. I would like to know the price for Idn. I will be speaking with my neurologist on Monday regarding Idn for my fibromyalgia and spinal pain. Thank you.

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## Video Isn't JUST Advertising – Our "Stories" Are Bigger Than Us

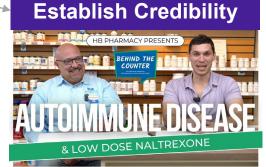


Using Video
For More
Than
"Promotion"

"Behind the Scenes"







**Meet Patients At Home** 





Fine...But I Can't Because...

**SHOUT THEM OUT!!!!!** 

Most common objections to making video content

## **Most Common Video Creation Objections**

#### I DON'T HAVE TIME

- We're short staffed
- I still dispense
- I wear too many hats as it is

#### I DON'T KNOW HOW

- I'm not creative
- I still use a flip phone
- I don't have any ideas
- I get nervous on camera

#### I'M AFRAID

- What if I waste time and/or money?
- What if I mess up?
- What if I have a "face for radio"?
- What if I look stupid?

## The Reality Is...

#### Sometimes, especially when getting started:

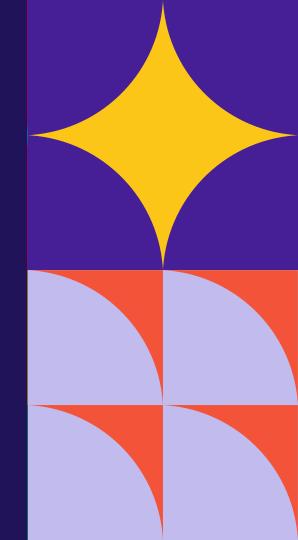
- You may waste some time
  - Not every video will be a smash hit
  - Try repurposing content! (more later)
- You may waste some money
  - It takes time and patience to start seeing results
  - Try repurposing content! (more later)
- You may look stupid! Exhibit A...
  - Don't take yourself too seriously!
  - Set an example for your employees!
- You may not be good at it
  - Practice makes perfect...



James Park
Owner and Pharmacy Manager

## Practice Makes Perfect!

Partner up with a few people near you for a brainstorming activity



### Brainstorm Video Topics In Groups- 5 Mins

#### **HINTS**

- KISS Keep It Simple Silly
- What common questions do you get at the counter?
- Which topics do you feel most comfortable discussing?
- People first your customers likely choose you because of YOU
- What time of year is it?
  - Any relevant, seasonal topics?
- Sticking in your comfort zone can help reduce fear!



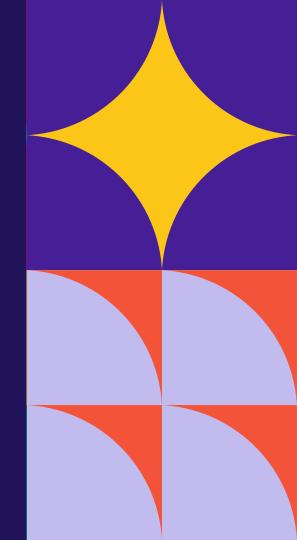
## **Presentation Time!**

In the next 10 minutes, we will share some topics.

Ideally, "present" like you were on camera!

## Practical Strategies For Consistency

How to overcome the OTHER objections to creating video content



## Implementation Best **Practices**

#### Keep it simple

- Forget algorithms and fancy equipment
- Use ChatGPT for brainstorming and script writing

#### **Consistency > perfection**

- Make it a priority
- When busy, turn down don't turn off not an "all or nothing" game!

#### Play to your strengths

- Long form vs. short form vs. live
- Utilize topics you know well



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## Implementation Best Practices

#### Get staff involved

- Build accountability and ownership
- Make a schedule and stick with it
- Anyone need a "marketing internship"?

#### It's not selling – it's storytelling

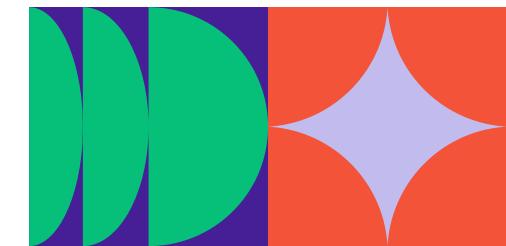
- Focus on sharing your staff and talk about your "why"
- Share how you've helped others they'll sell for you!



### Implementation Best Practices

#### Make "Multi-Purpose" Videos

- Not every customer walks through your doors!
  - How do we "meet patients where they are"?
- If we believe our pharmacies should be "community wellness destinations", video is a great way to make your pharmacy an "online destination"



### Implementation Best Practices

#### See Website Screenshot Below...

- Chop longer videos into shorter, social posts
- Post videos on YouTube for "perpetual engagement"
- Share via QR codes on flyers for deliveries / shipments
- Point in store patients to your website for additional instruction





## Questions?

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## Appendix

Additional content related to consistently executing video production and marketing



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## Choosing A Video Length Based on Video Type

Video Type	Short Form <1 min	Medium Form 1-4 mins	Long Form 5 – 10 mins	Podcast 10+ mins	<b>Live</b> Varies
Product / Services Promotion					
"How To"					
General Pharmacy Updates					
Funny / "Get To Know Us"					
Pharmacist Recommendations					
Patient or Provider Education					

Could work!

Eh maybe not

Go for it!

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### Keeping It Simple And Manageable

#### **Must Haves**

- COMMITMENT make it a priority!
- Cell phone with camera
- Location with natural lighting
  - Switch up the scenery if you can!
- Social media accounts
- Buy in from your staff

#### Nice To Haves

- Tripod for a phone
- Lights or a special filming location
- Editing software for extra effects, thumbnails, etc.
- "Cross posting" software
- Outsource production / posting to a professional if you can afford it

#### CREATE VERSATILE VIDEOS

- Film content you can post on all sites
  - < 60 secs
- Evergreen content
  - How to \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ASSIGN A LEADER**

- Accountability
- Manage the calendar
- Recruit younger employees
- When busy, turn the dial back, not off



#### **BUILD A CALENDAR**

- Consistency > Perfection
  - 1 video / RPh / month
- Bake in time for scripting as needed
- Plan a month ahead
- Staff accordingly

#### **CHOOSE EASY TOPICS**

- Common questions at the counter
- Hot topics
- Stay in your comfort zone
  - Photos work too
- Play to your passions
- · Share birthdays, etc.